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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: OPTICAL DATA BUS COMMUNICATION  
IN AN ARTIFICIAL SATELLITE

RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated February 7, 2006, please consider the following remarks:

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**FEE CALCULATION**

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

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